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First Named Applicant TANAKA,	35 USC 154(b) term ext. = 0 Days.			

TITLE OF INVENTION DATA RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AND SYSTEM EMPLOYING THE SAME

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
09/162,444

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Examiner

HOA NGUYEN

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 3/24/00, 4/7/00 and the interview of 4/7/00

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 18-21, 24, 26-44, now as, 1-24, respectively

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☒ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on Sep 29, 1998, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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EXAMINER'S REASON FOR ALLOWANCE
(Attachment to paper no. 16)

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record considered as a whole fails to teach or suggest:

(a) Claim 18, an apparatus for storing data comprising a controller for performing of reconstructing data stored in any of the storage units in which a fault has occurred based on all other data belonging to any of the data groups to which the data to be reconstructed belongs and error correcting data corresponding to any of the data groups to which the data to reconstructed belongs, wherein the controller determines a preference to be given to the processing of reconstructing data.

(b) An apparatus for storing data comprising a controller for performing of reconstructing data stored in any of the storage units in which a fault has occurred based on all other data belonging to any of the data groups to which the data to be reconstructed belongs and error correcting data corresponding to any of the data groups to which the data to reconstructed belongs, and processing of data read/write requests from the host unit, wherein:

-claim 21, the controller determines whether to give preference to the processing of reconstructing data or to the processing of data read/write requests, and performs the processing to which preference is given based on a predetermined limit time.

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-claim 24, the controller controls an amount of time for the processing of reconstructing data within a unit time based on a predetermined limit time.

-claim 26, the controller controls an amount of the processing of reconstructing data based on a predetermined limit time.

-claim 27, the controller determines an amount of the processing of reconstructing data instead of the processing of read/write requests such that the processing of reconstructing data is completed within a fixed period of time.

-claim 28, the controller performs the processing of reconstructing data in preference to the processing of data read/write requests such that the processing of reconstructing data is completed within a fixed period of time.

-claim 29, the controller performs the processing of reconstructing data instead of the processing of read/write requests such that the processing of reconstructing data is completed within a fixed period of time.

-claim 30, the controller gives a preference to the processing of data read/write requests and performs the processing of reconstructing data within a remaining time.

-claim 32, the controller determines an amount of the processing of reconstructing data instead of the processing of data read/write requests based on a predetermined time.

-claim 33, the controller determines a preference to be given to the processing of reconstructing data.

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-claim 36, the controller determines whether to give preference to the processing of reconstructing data or to the processing of data read/write requests and performs the processing to which preference is given based on a predetermined limit time.

-claim 37, the controller controls an amount of time for the processing of reconstructing data within a unit time based on a predetermined limit time.

-claim 38, the controller controls an amount of the processing of reconstructing data based on a predetermined limit time.

-claim 39, the controller determines an amount of the processing of reconstructing data instead of the processing of data read/write requests such that the processing of reconstructing data is completed within a fixed period of time.

-claim 40, the controller performs the processing of reconstructing data in preference to the processing of data read/write requests such that the processing of reconstructing data is completed within a fixed period of time.

-claim 41, the controller performs the processing of reconstructing data instead of the processing of data read/write requests such that the processing of reconstructing data is completed within a fixed period of time.

-claim 42, the controller gives a preference to the processing of data read/write requests and performs the processing of reconstructing data within a remaining time.

-claim 44, the controller determines an amount of the processing of reconstructing data instead of the processing of data read/write requests based on a predetermined time.

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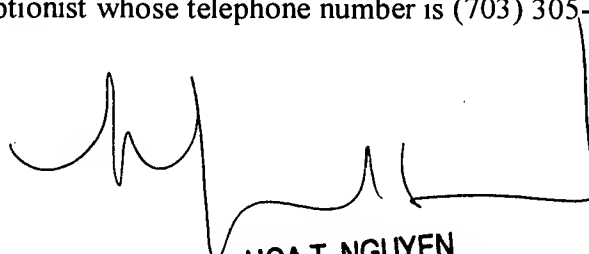
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. The supplemental amendment filed on 4/7/2000, the amendment of 3/24/2000 and the substitute specification of 3/24/2000 have been entered into the record.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoa Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-9687.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady, can be reached on (703) 305-9595. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3718.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.



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